

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1157

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mickey R. Carpenter of Paris.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the untimely passing of Dr. Mickey Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, Mickey Carpenter was an outstanding person who performed his religious duties with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion, giving unselfishly of himself, his time, and his talents for the greater good of his family and friends, his faith, and the greater Paris community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable life, Dr. Carpenter performed his religious duties with diligence and dexterity; his ability and spirituality should serve as benchmarks for other priests and religious leaders to emulate; and

WHEREAS, born in Dyersburg, Mickey Carpenter received his bachelor's degree from Lambuth University, a Masters of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a Doctorate of Ministry from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter served with acumen and alacrity as District Superintendent of the Paris District of the United Methodist Church , in which position he earned the respect of his peers, congregation, and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his Christian service and the depth and sincerity of his faith; and

WHEREAS, Mickey Carpenter was an active and devout member of the United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a pastor and district superintendent; and

WHEREAS, his open heart, indomitable spirit, and stalwart ethics endeared him to his congregation as a humble servant of God; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mickey Carpenter enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-three years, Marsha Dorgan, who survives him; he was the proud father of his son, James Russell (Rusty) Dorgan-Carpenter, who preceded him in death, and his two daughters Megan Dorgan-Carpenter and Michelle Coulston, who is married to Ben; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his granddaughter, Charlotte Gray Coulston; his parents, Ronald and Virginia Carpenter; his brother, Danny Carpenter; and a host of friends and acquaintances; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter's unparalleled legacy of courage, boundless energy, and religious devotion will forever be etched in the hearts and minds of his beloved friends, family, and congregation; and

WHEREAS, Mickey Carpenter has left this world for a far better one, where he will reap the reward for his tireless lifelong efforts—the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional Christian servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mickey R. Carpenter, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. Carpenter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.